

NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION
OF ADDITIONAL TRACK ALONG THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD / NORFOLK
SOUTHERN RAILWAY FROM HAYDOCK (SOUTH OF CONCORD) TO JUNKER
(NORTHEAST OF CHARLOTTE)

TIP P-5208 (Formerly P-3414N)

Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold two informal, open house-style Design Public Hearings for the above-mentioned railroad project, between the hours of 6 – 8 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1) Hickory Ridge High School (Commons Area) – Monday, December 12, 2011, at 7321 Ragin' Ridge Road in Harrisburg; and
- 2) Charlotte Friends Meetinghouse (Meeting Room) – Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 570 West Rocky River Road in Charlotte

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments and/or questions will also be provided and is encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time. There will not be a formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to construct an additional railroad track adjacent to the existing railroad track along the North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) / Norfolk Southern Railway between Haydock (south of N.C. 49 near Concord) and Junker (at Orr Road in northeast Charlotte). Other than the construction of a second track, railroad alignment changes, safety improvements, and other railroad crossing improvements are also being proposed. In addition, replacing selected railroad crossings with new bridges being built over the railroad and closing other selected crossings along the corridor, is also proposed.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve passenger train schedule reliability, provide the ability to support the introduction of as many as 12 daily (6 round trip) additional passenger trains to the NCRR Corridor, and improve the safety of the railroad within the project study area.

The environmental assessment document (EA) prepared for this project and a copy of the maps are available for public viewing at the following locations:

- NCDOT District 2 Engineer's Office, 7605 District Drive in Charlotte; and
- Harrisburg Town Hall, 4100 Main Street, Suite 101.

For more information, contact Eileen Fuchs of NCDOT—Human Environment at (919) 707-6067 or by email at: eafuchs@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Fuchs as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.